

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of recording a program comprised in a television
2 signal, the television signal comprising program information including the real starting hour of at
3 least a following program, ~~characterized in that~~ said method comprises the steps of :

4 identifying a program to be recorded via user interaction with an electronic program
5 guide generated by a decoder prior to receipt of the television signal:

6 memorizing a theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded;
7 defining, among the following programs, a retained program satisfying a criterion of
8 concordance relating to at least the memorized theoretical starting hour of the program to be
9 recorded;

10 identifying and the real starting hour of the following program included in an event
11 information table in the program information comprised in the television signal;

12 upon receipt of said real starting time, automatically replacing the theoretical starting
13 time by the real starting time if there is a difference between said times; and

14 receiving and recording the television signal on the basis of the real starting hour of
15 the retained program.

1 2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitted program
2 information includes a real ending hour of the program, characterized in that said method comprises
3 the steps of : - searching, during recording of the television signal corresponding to the retained
4 program, a real ending hour of the program in said program information transmitted for the retained
5 program, and - stopping the recording at said real ending hour of the retained program.

1 3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitted program
2 information includes an indicator of the development of the present program, characterized in that
3 said method comprises the steps of : - following said indicator of the development of the present
4 program, and - stopping the recording of the television signal during the absence of the indicator of
5 the development of the present program in said transmitted program information.

1 4. (Original) A method as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said
2 transmitted program information includes a real ending hour of the program, characterized in that
3 said method comprises a step of memorizing a theoretical ending hour of the program to be recorded,
4 and in that said concordance criterion also relates to the memorized theoretical ending hour of the
5 program to be recorded and to the real ending hour of the retained program in the program
6 information comprised in the television signal.

1 5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that said concordance
2 criterion is defined, for example, by the existence of a temporal overlap between the broadcast
3 timetable for the following program and that defined between the theoretical starting hour and the
4 theoretical ending hour whose duration exceeds the broadcast timetable of the following program
5 by more than 70%.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A device for recording a program comprised in a television
2 signal, the television signal comprising program information including the real starting hour of at
3 least a following program, ~~characterized in that~~ said device comprises:

4 an electronic program guide generated by a decoder;

5 interaction means to allow a user to identify a program to be recorded on the
6 electronic program guide prior to receipt or the decoder of the television signal;

7 means for memorizing a theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded;

8 means for defining, among the following programs, a retained program satisfying a
9 criterion of concordance relating to at least the memorized theoretical starting hour of the program
10 to be recorded and the real starting hour of the following program included in the program
11 information comprised in the television signal, and

12 means for recording the television signal on the basis of the real starting hour of the
13 retained program; and

14 upon receipt of said real starting time, means to compare the theoretical starting time
15 with the real starting time and if there is a difference between said times replacing the theoretical
16 starting time with the real starting time.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A television signal decoder, wherein the television signal
2 comprises program information including the real starting hour of at least a following program,
3 ~~characterized in that~~ said decoder comprises:

4 means to identify a program to be recorded via user interaction with an electronic
5 program guide generated by a decoder prior to receipt of a television signal;

6 means for memorizing a theoretical starting hour of the program to be recorded;

7 means for defining, among the following programs, a retained program satisfying a
8 criterion of concordance relating to at least the memorized theoretical starting hour of the program

9 to be recorded and the real starting hour of the following program included in the program
10 information comprised in the television signal, and
11 means for controlling the recording of the television signal on the basis of the real
12 starting hour of the retained program and upon receipt of said real starting time the decoder compares
13 the theoretical starting time with the real starting time and, if there is a difference between said times,
14 replaces the theoretical starting time with the real starting time.

1 8. (Canceled)